

#### **CITY OF KENT**

## Parks, Recreation & Community Services Housing and Human Services Division

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FIRST AMENDMENT of the 2013 - 2017 CONSOLIDATED PLAN for HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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#### A. SUMMARY

- 1. The 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development provides a framework for implementing housing, human services and community development activities from 2013-2017.
- Each year the City of Kent executes specific-actions to implement the objectives and strategies of the five-year Consolidated Plan, which are outlined in an Annual Action Plan.
- 3. The City did not include a substantive Community Participation Process specifying what circumstances would constitute a *substantial amendment* of the Consolidated Plan.
- 4. The City wishes to add a Community Participation Guide.
- 5. The 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan also included the 2013 Annual Action Plan.
- 6. In the 2013 Annual Action Plan, the City allocated \$100,000 of CDBG to the City of Kent-Grow Kent Fund to provide below-market rate financing to grow small businesses in Kent.
- 7. The City did not launch this project in 2013; therefore, funds were recaptured.
- 8. Instead of using these funds as initially allocated, the City has decided to invest in a downtown storefront façade rehabilitation project.

#### **B. AMENDMENT**

- 1. Amend the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development to allow for the addition of a *Community Participation Guide*, which states that a *substantial amendment* is defined as:
  - any proposed change in the use of CDBG funds that exceeds 10% of the total annual entitlement;
  - any change in the purpose, a major change in the scope of an activity, or a change in the beneficiaries; or
  - the addition of a new activity or deletion of an approved activity.
- 2. Amend the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development to allow for the reallocation of \$100,000 in CDBG funds.
- 3. Funds shall be awarded as follows:
  - Award \$100,000 to the City of Kent Storefront Façade Rehabilitation Project. Funds shall be used to rehabilitate storefront building facades in a designated downtown area of Kent.

### 2013 CDBG Funds Awarded Amount: \$100,000 Award to:

<b>Capital Projects</b>	Awarded Funds	Change
City of Kent: Grow Kent Fund	<\$100,000>	-\$100,000
City of Kent: Storefront	\$100,000	+\$100,000
Façade Rehabilitation Project		
Total:	\$100,000	\$100,000

#### C. PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105, notice is hereby given that the City of Kent will hold a public hearing on February 20, 2014 to receive comments regarding the First Amendment to the 2013 Annual Action Plan.

- 1. **Citizen Participation Process:** All interested persons are invited to comment on the First Amendment to the 2013 Annual Action Plan at the public hearing and during the 30-day comment period.
- 2. **Public Hearing:** A public hearing to consider the amendment and to receive public comments prior to approval of the amendment will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., in the Centennial Center, 400 W. Gowe St., Kent, WA 98032, Mountain View Conference Room, Suite 401.
- 3. **Written Comments:** Written comments may made in person before the Human Services Commission during the public hearing on Thursday, February 20, 2014, or mailed to Dinah Wilson, CDBG Program Coordinator, Housing and Human Services Division, City of Kent, 220 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032. Comments may also be emailed to <a href="mailto:drwilson@kentwa.gov">drwilson@kentwa.gov</a> or

- faxed to (253) 856-6070. Written comments may be submitted through March 15, 2014.
- 4. **Copies of the Amendment:** The amendment is available at no charge, from the Kent Human Services Division (HSD), 220 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, City Hall Building, 3rd Floor, Kent, WA 98032. A copy may also be reviewed in the HSD and in the Clerk's Office on the first floor of City Hall. In addition, individuals may download a copy of the Amendment and additional information about the public hearing from the City's web site at the following address: http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/humanservices/.
- 5. **ADA Information:** Non-English speaking residents and citizens with speech, sight, or hearing impairments who wish to review the documents or comment at the public hearing should contact the Kent Human Services Division. Each request will be considered individually according to the type of assistance required, the availability of resources, and the financial ability of the City to provide accommodation.
  - For Hearing Impaired Relay Service, call 1-800-833-6388
  - For Braille Relay Service call 1-800-833-6385
  - For TDD call (253) 856-5499

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